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MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller, DD/S&T

SUBJECT: Comments on Draft of the
Upcoming Program Call

The early draft of the upcoming program call guidance has been reviewed by the Office. Preliminary comments are as follows:

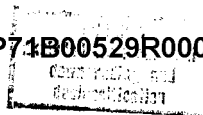
Para I. A. - In submitting long term planning, it should be pointed out that the casual ARPA and other-Agency funding is not possible to predict vis-a-vis planning for special Optics Division DOD funding. Therefore, it is assumed that only the latter is intended in this paragraph. ORD has followed DD/S&T policy regarding this ad hoc funding to insure that each project undertaken fits the requirement that it has specific relevance to explicit intelligence objectives in addition to being compatible with ORD efforts in parallel-type work. Each item is considered and proposed via channels on its own merits.

Para II. A. (Part I) (2) - It should be noted that the Agency's efforts in "basic research" constitute a negligible part of RD&E; these are estimated to amount to less than 1/2% in ORD. Advanced development, engineering development, and exploratory development constitute the main thrust of all programs.

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Para II. A. (Part I) (General) - Aside from some technical slowdowns, progress has been delayed in several instances due to administrative and sensitive diplomatic considerations. A typical example is [REDACTED] follow-on. Both of these projects have very firm requirements and are technically feasible.

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Para II. B. (Part II) Footnote, Page 3 - The verbal understanding of this previously was that RD&E activities would be considered by elements rather than individually by projects at the project level. (Reference: [REDACTED] conversation with [REDACTED] o/a 17 September 1968.) This would be compatible with the later Agency-wide review of programs in RD&E and with response to CPC inadequacies of 1967 (CPC-70-74). The documentation of IPC lists and use of recommendations is an excellent approach. However, these are usually very broad and general. In most cases the individual details and specific technical items supporting each of these requirements was covered by a separate document from an individual component of the Agency. These were cited in previous CPC documentation.

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Para II. B. (Part II) 2 - Program Plans: Para (b) indicates some citation of coordination and joint planning, which could be kept outside the formal document but available if required.

Para II. C. (Part III) 2 - Summary of Fund and Position Requirements: It may be ambiguous that this constitutes the "mark" for estimates for the 1971 program. Is this to be interpreted as saying that the total funding for the RD&E program would be constrained to the 1970 Congressional budget? As per background discussion and in accordance with the CPC-70-74 procedure, the ensuing paragraph indicates some latitude with this as was done in Fall 1967 for the CPC-70-74.

Para II. D. (Part IV) - It is understood that target area distribution will not be applicable for RD&E projects per CPC-70-74.

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